

PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Park AML Coordinator

Coordinates all activities relating to abandoned mineral lands consistent with NPS guidelines and procedures.

Designated member of park and regional staff with expertise in the recognition and evaluation of AML sites.

Arranges and conducts field work and logistics.

Directs interdisciplinary team in conducting field work, including AML inventory, reconnaissance, monitoring, and other site visits.

Evaluates inventoried sites and applies priority ranking.

Develops safety and remediation plans for sites in accordance with priority ranking.

Prepares proper NEPA compliance documents.

Coordinates and incorporates AML needs and priorities with park's resource management plan.

Initiates and coordinates design and posting of adequate signs and warnings to notify public of nearby hazardous AML sites.

Requests specialists and other assistance from region or private consultants as required.

Trained in abandoned mine safety. Provides or coordinates mine and hazardous waste safety briefings to NPS staff and public who visit AML sites.

Prepares and maintains park AML data base.

Serves as project manager (or contracting officer in parks without this type of expertise) on AML construction projects.

Conducts or coordinates monitoring of completed AML remediation projects, and documents the condition of mine closure and remediation work. Ensures that emergency, seasonal, and routine maintenance are performed as needed.

Develops and recommends AML funding and personnel needs to park superintendent.

Manages park AML budget.

Site Manager

Ensures that an AML coordinator is appointed and trained.

Ensures that the site complies with NPS policy.

Ensures that NPS employees do not enter AML sites with the exception of personnel who have the expertise and have been authorized to do so or if the AML site is deemed safe for the general public.

Interpretation

Responsible for providing appropriate safety messages to visitors through verbal information at contact stations, park literature, interpretive displays and signs, and through interpretive programs.

Identifies sites with interpretive values to help formulate the type and extent of remediation or restoration of any given site.

Rangers

Ensure that signs are appropriately placed.

Enforce temporary AML site closures.

Monitor completed remediation projects, and report deterioration and maintenance needs to the park AML coordinator.

Develop a mine rescue contingency plan, acquire mine rescue equipment and train employees on mine rescue methods. This responsibility may be waived if the park has a cooperative agreement with another agency or organization to conduct mine rescues (e.g., State mining division, Mine Safety and Health Administration, etc.).

Safety Officer

Familiar with the NPS and regional AML health and safety programs

Participates in AML planning and activities in an oversight capacity.

Reviews AML sites and plans with regard to employee and visitor safety and health.

Understands the status of the safety conditions at all AML sites in the park.

Ensures that the safety conditions are adequate for AML sites being used for interpretation and sites being promoted on hikes, points of interest, and as destination points.

Prepares reports for park AML coordinator on hazardous conditions observed during patrols in the park. Reports include observations of visitor use of AML sites or signs that past use has occurred.

Monitors completed AML projects, and reports deterioration and maintenance needs to the park AML coordinator.

Maintains case incident reports on AML sites.

Environmental Compliance Coordinator

Reviews and approves any NEPA compliance documents.

Reviews and approves AML remediation proposals submitted by the park AML coordinator.

Provides guidance to inventory and reconnaissance teams in the recognition and treatment of environmental impacts.

Makes recommendations for appropriate remediation measures.

Natural Resource Coordinator

Investigates natural resource impacts of AML sites and recommends appropriate remediation.

Reviews and approves AML remediation proposals for possible impacts to natural resources.

Ensures compliance with ESA.

Cultural Resource Coordinator

Participates in AML inventories.

Makes determination of National Register eligibility for historic sites.

Reviews all proposed remediation projects for potential impacts to cultural or historical structures or objects.

Submits recommendations to the regional AML coordinator regarding important historic or cultural features of the mine site and actions that may be necessary to preserve or protect them.

Ensures compliance with Section 110 and 106 of NHPA and other laws concerning cultural and historic preservation.

Works with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Land Coordinator

Determines ownership and land status of AML sites and their access prior to the initiation of any work.

Maintenance Division

Reviews and approves proposed blasting or explosives disposal.

Maintains mine closures and warning signs.

Constructs AML remediation projects as required.

Regional AML Coordinator

Provides overall regional coordination of the AML program.

Provides program direction, and information on technology changes or advancements to park and regional staffs.

Assists parks with field work and/or research concerning AML inventory, reconnaissance, or remediation projects.

Compiles and maintains regional AML data base as collected by park AML coordinators.

Reviews and approves AML remediation proposals for adequacy.

Acts as park AML coordinator in parks without available staff or mining expertise.

Responsible for AML contract preparation, and acts as project manager/contracting officer for AML projects in parks without available staff.

Ensures adequate coordination and review among all appropriate offices.

Coordinates AML management and policies with the WASO Mining and Minerals Branch to ensure consistency and effectiveness.

Serves as primary contact with State AML programs. Identifies AML sites suitable for inclusion on the State's AML inventory list. Coordinates remediation projects with the State office.

Actively seeks AML funding from all potential sources including, but not limited to, park and regional budgets, WASO Mining and Minerals Branch, State AML program, regional and WASO safety office, and EPA.

Manages regional AML budget.